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Blue Star
Museums offer
free admission
to military

Twenty-four museums in Montana are participating in this year’s Blue Star Museums program, a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families and the Department of Defense to offer free admission to all active duty military personnel and their families from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Museums in Montana that are participating in the program include:

Billings: Western Heritage Center and Yellowstone Art Museum; Bozeman: Children’s Museum of Bozeman; Butte: Mai Wah Society and Museum, Mineral Museum at Montana Tech and World Museum of Mining; Clancy: Jefferson County Museum; Glendive: Frontier Gateway Museum; Great Falls: C.M. Russell Museum and Malmstrom AFB Museum; Hamilton: Ravalli County Museum; Havre: H. Earl Clack Museum and High Line Heritage House Museum; Helena: Montana Historical Society and Montana Military Museum at Fort Harrison; Kalispell: Hockaday Museum of Art; Livingston: Yellowstone Gateway Museum; Lolo: Holt Heritage Museum; Malta: Great Plains Dinosaur Museum and Phillips County Museum; Missoula: Children’s Museum Missoula and Historical Museum at Fort Missoula; Pablo: The People’s Center; Sidney: MonDak Heritage Center

For more information, visit www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums.

EXHIBITIONS, JULY/AUGUST

Anaconda
Copper Village Museum and Arts Center: “Bitterroot Portraits,” July 15-Aug. 31; display of patterns and molds from the Anaconda Foundry Fabrication Company continues through July 7; 406-563-2422

Arlee
Hangin’ Art Gallery: Summer Art Exhibit, through Aug. 16, reception, 2-4 p.m. July 6; 406-726-5005

Big Timber
Two Rivers Gallery: Fine Art Show, Silent Auction and Fundraiser, through Aug. 16, reception 5-8 p.m. July 19; 406-932-4009

Bigfork
Bigfork Museum of Art and History: “Organic,” through Aug. 10, reception 5-7 p.m. July 12; the annual Members Show and Sale closes July 6; Alpine Artists, through Sept. 21, reception 5-7 p.m. Aug. 16; 406-837-6927

Billings
Jens Gallery and Design: “Sticks and Stone,” through Sept. 13, reception 5-9 p.m. Aug. 2; 406-697-0153
Moss Mansion: “The Pastimes and Passions of the Moss Family,” through Aug. 30; 406-256-5100



Florence O’ Neil’s “Closer to the Sun” will be featured in Bigfork Museum’s “Organic” exhibition July 12-Aug. 10.

Sunrise Studio and Art Gallery: Fine Art Fridays, 5-9 p.m. July 5 and Aug. 2; 406-294-0199
Western Heritage Center: “The American Indian Tribal Histories Project” and “J.K. Ralston: History on Canvas,” ongoing; “Echoes of Eastern Montana: Stories from an Open Country,” through December; 406-256-6809
Yellowstone Art Museum: “The Elastic Past: Visual Interpretations of Life’s Early Lessons,” Aug. 15-Oct. 27, reception 5:30-7:30 p.m. Aug. 15; “Broken Brushes: German Art from the Kaiser to Hitler,” through Aug. 4; “Insomnia: Works by

Michael Zansky” continues through Aug. 25; “Elegant Repose,” through July 7; “Boundless Visions,” ongoing; 406-256-6804

Boulder
Boulder Hot Springs: Dawn Smartnick, July 1-Aug. 31; 406-225-4339

Bozeman
Bozeman Public Library: Southwest Montana Arts Show and Sale, July 1-26, reception 5:30-7:30 p.m. July 12; 406-582-2426
Bozeman Public Library Sculpture Park: Montana Invitational Sculpture Exhibition, through next August; 406-582-2400
Cobalt Moose Art Studios: Art on the Lawn, 4-8 p.m. Aug. 17; 406-585-5443
Emerson Center Jessie Wilber Gallery: “Edith Freeman: Montana Seasons,” July 12-Aug. 16, reception 6-8 p.m. July 12 and Aug. 9; “Garden View,” through Aug. 16; “Semester in Italy,” closes July 5; Keith Goodhart, Aug. 30-Nov. 15; 406-587-9797
MSU Helen E. Copeland Gallery: “Behold,” through Sept. 12; 406-994-2562
MSU Renne Library: World Champion Belt Buckle Competition Photo Exhibit, through Aug. 27; 406-994-2952
Museum of the Rockies: “Space: A Journey to Our Future,” 406-994-2251
Soroptimist Park: Gallatin Art Crossing, reception 6-8 p.m. July 20; visit www.gallatinartcrossing.com for details.
tart in the Emerson Center: “Perpetual River: Oil Paintings of the Gallatin River and Cottonwood Creek,” through July 10; 406-582-0416

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ARTS CALENDAR, JULY/AUGUST

Three Forks (cont.)

July 20
“Native American Studies (Pipe Carrier)” - 7-8 p.m., Missouri Headwaters State Park Picnic Area, 406-243-6022

July 27
“An Evening with Pierre Cruzatte’s Ghost” - 7-8 p.m., Missouri Headwaters State Park Picnic Area, 406-243-6022

August 9-11
Rockin’ the Rivers - The Bridge, Jefferson River Canyon, 866-285-0097

August 16
“Champion Buffalo Hunter Yellowstone Vic Smith” - 8-9 p.m., Lewis and Clark Caverns State Park, 406-287-3541

August 23
“Firearms of the American Frontier Experience” - 8-9 p.m., Lewis and Clark Caverns Campground Pavilion, 406-287-3541

Townsend
August 10
Montana Shakespeare in the Parks, “The Recruiting Officer” - 6 p.m., Heritage Fun Park, 406-994-3901

Two Dot
July 2
Wylie and the Wild West - 8-11 p.m., Community Center, 406-632-2020

Ulm
July 23
“Great Grandfather’s Montana Journey” - 1-2 p.m., First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park, 406-243-6022

August 1
“The Politics of Performance” - 1 p.m., First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park, 406-243-6022
August 3-4
Buffalo Kite Festival - 10 a.m.-4 p.m., First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park, 406-866-2217

Utica
July 2
Montana Shakespeare in the Parks, “Henry V” - 6:30 p.m., Utica Clubhouse lawn, 406-994-3901

Virginia City
July 1-August 18
The Brewery Follies - H.S. Gilbert Brewery, 800-829-2969 ext 3
July 2-7, 9-14, 16-21, 23-28
“Rip Van Winkle” - Opera House, 800-829-2969
July 6
Mike Edwards: “Musical Instruments of the 1800s” - 7 p.m., Elling House, 406-843-5507
July 12
Dillon Junior Fiddlers - 7 p.m., Elling House, 406-843-5454
July 19-21
Treaty Days and Daylight Creek Gathering - Daylight Creek Encampment, 800-829-2969



Virginia City Players will be performing “Frankenstein” July 30-August 31 at the Opera House.

July 30-August 4, August 6-11, 13-18, 20-25, 27-31
“Frankenstein” - Opera House, 800-829-2969
August 2
Growling Old Men - 7 p.m., Elling House, 406-843-5507

August 3
Vigilante Music Festival - noon-midnight, Main Street, 800-829-2969

August 9-11
Virginia City Art Show - boardwalk and Community Center, 800-829-2969

August 21-25, 28-31
The Brewery Follies Encore Season - H.S. Gilbert Brewery, 800-829-2969 ext 3

August 23-25
Blues Fest - Bale of Hay Saloon, 406-843-5700
August 24
Willson and McKee - 7 p.m., Elling House, 406-843-5507

West Yellowstone
July 1-6, 8-13, 15-20, 22-27, 29-31
Playmill Theatre Season - Playmill Theatre, 406-646-7757

July 20
Heritage Celebration - 5 p.m., Union Pacific Dining Hall, 406-646-7461

August 1-3, 5-10, 12-17, 19-24, 26-31
Playmill Theatre Season - Playmill Theatre, 406-646-7757

August 10
The Bus Driver Tour - City Park

White Sulphur Springs
July 25-28
Red Ants Pants Music Festival - Jackson Ranch, 406-209-8135

Whitefish
July 5-7
Whitefish Arts Festival - Depot Park, Cross Currents Christian School, 406-862-5875

July 12-13
“Defying Gravity: Broadway’s Next Generation” - 8 p.m., Whitefish Performing Arts Center, Alpine Theatre Project, 406-862-7469

July 18-21, 24-28
“Kitchen Witches” - 8 p.m., O’Shaughnessy Center, Stumptown Players, 406-862-5371

July 19-20
“Bibbidi Bobbidi Boo: Broadway’s Family Fare” - 8 p.m., Whitefish Performing Arts Center, Alpine Theatre Project, 406-862-7469

July 25-26
Whitefish Wine Auction - The Lodge at Whitefish Lake, 406-862-4327

July 26-27
“5, 6, 7, 8!: Broadway’s Style and Rhythm” - 8 p.m., Whitefish Performing Arts Center, Alpine Theatre Project, 406-862-7469

August 2-3
“Some Enchanted Evening: Broadway’s Golden Age” - 8 p.m., Whitefish Performing Arts Center, Alpine Theatre Project, 406-862-7469

August 4-10
Festival Amadeus - Depot Park and Whitefish Performing Arts Center, Glacier Symphony Orchestra 406-257-3241

August 9-11
Huckleberry Days Arts Festival - Depot Park, 406-862-3501

August 22-25
Vietnam Traveling Wall - Grouse Mountain Lodge Soccer Fields, 406-862-4949

Willow Creek
July 19, August 16
Art Walk - 5-9 p.m., downtown, 406-285-4709

Wolf Point
July 5
Montana Shakespeare in the Parks, “The Recruiting Officer” - 6:30 p.m., Faith Home Park, 406-994-3901

August 2-4
Wadopana Celebration - celebration grounds, 406-650-7556



The Wailin’ Jennys are performing at Red Ants Pants Music Festival July 25-28 in White Sulphur Springs.

EXHIBITIONS, JULY/AUGUST



Watercolor “Mountain Man” by Don Sauder on display at the Artist Gallery in Bozeman through August.

Bozeman (cont.)

Zoot Art Gallery: Dan Palagyi, through August; 406-586-5050

Butte

Charles Clark Chateau Museum: Jim Goebel and Jamie Green, through July; 406-723-7600

Main Stope Gallery: Patti Henry, Jeanette Barnes and Mary Christopher, through July, reception 5-9 p.m. July 5; 406-723-9195

U.S. Bank: David Spear, during July, reception 5-9 p.m. July 5; 406-586-0098

Uptown Café: Phil Winninghoff, through July 6; 406-723-4735

Venus Rising Art Gallery: Wendy Marquis and Jim Goebel, through July; 406-723-1150

Charlo

Ninepipes Museum of Early Montana: Fetishes and Kachina Dolls, through Sept. 30; 406-644-3435

Colstrip

Schoolhouse History and Art Center: All Community Art Show, July 1-Aug. 31; 406-748-4822

Great Falls

Amazing Gallery (inside Amazing Toys): Deeling Gregory, ongoing; 406-727-5557

C.M. Russell Museum: “I Beat You to It: Charles Russell at the Mint,” through Sept. 14; 406-727-8787

Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art: Carly Swenson, through Dec. 14, reception 5:30-7:30 p.m. July 23; “The Trunk Show: Textile Art by the Montana Bricolage Artists,” through Sept. 4; “Inner Landscapes: Contemporary Native Imagery,” through Oct. 19; “A Point in Time” and “Cells and Orbs: Sketchbook Drawings and Related Works,” through Aug. 24; Jessie Wilber tipi prints, through July 13; “A Montana Original” and “Three Thousand and Counting,” ongoing; “Sonhos Melancolia (Melancholy Dreams),” through Dec. 14; 406-727-8255

Urban Art Project at the parking garage at 315 First Ave. South: Summer Exhibit, through Sept. 5; 406-452-9315

Hamilton

Art Focus Fine Arts:

Tricia Bass, Donna Lesly, Douglas Taylor and Elene Wegee July 5 reception, 6-8 p.m., 406-363-4112
Craig Birch, Shirley Sylvester and Douglas Taylor, Aug. 2-31, reception 6-8 p.m. Aug. 2; 406-363-4112

Ravalli County Museum:

“Life and Limb: The Toll of the American Civil War,” through Aug. 29, reception 6 p.m. July 25; “The Literature of Prescription,” through July 11; “Thomas Cole: Wild Land and the Birth of the American Landscape,” through Aug. 11; 406-363-3338

Hardin

JailHouse Gallery: “The Montana Show,” through July 27; 406-665-3239

Havre

Artitudes Gallery: “Canvas and Stone,” through August, reception 6-8 p.m. July 12; “Tiger by the Tail,” through July; 406-265-2104

High Line Heritage House Museum: “Hill Country Schools,” ongoing; 406-399-5225

Helena

Archie Bray Foundation: Resident Artists’ Exhibition and Bray Benefit Auction, through July 27, closing reception 6 p.m. July 27; the Windgate Fellowship Exhibition, through July 7; the Visiting Artist Exhibition, July 15-Sept. 7, reception

6-8 p.m. Aug. 8; the Speyer Fellowship exhibition, Aug. 8-Sept. 7; 406-443-3502

Carroll Art Gallery, St. Charles Hall: “Jingdezhen: The Porcelain City,” Aug. 26-Oct. 11; 406-447-4302

Free Ceramics: “Where the Wall Meets the Pedestal,” through Aug. 23, reception 6-8 p.m. July 18; “Free Ceramics Invites,” closes July 11; 406-438-6212

Holter Museum of Art: Nora Naranjo-Morse: “Gatherings” and “9x9x3: New Visions,” through Aug. 30; 406-442-6400

Montana Historical Society: “Domestic Economy,” through August; “And the Bride Wore: Montana Weddings, 1900-1960” continues through November; “Dora’s Laundry,” through December, 406-444-2694

Secretary of State’s office: “Treasured Artist: Shelle Lindholm,” through August; 406-444-2807

Turman Larison Contemporary: “Willem Volkersz: Short Stories,” through July 13; 406-443-0340

Kalispell

Conrad Mansion Museum: Historic Clothing Exhibit of Lingerie Dresses, through Oct. 15; 406-755-2166

Hockaday Museum of Art: “Honoring the War Horses of the Blackfeet,” through Aug. 17; Plein Air Paint Out exhibit, through Aug. 24; “Up the North Fork,” Aug. 22-Nov. 2; “Abstracts and Artifacts,” Aug. 29-Oct. 12; 406-755-5268

Museum at Central School: “History of the Flathead Valley,” ongoing, reception 6:30 p.m. July 12; “Bob Marshall Wilderness Society,” ongoing; 406-756-8381

Lewistown

Lewistown Art Center: Vern Anderson, through Aug. 10; Western Art Roundup, “Art of the American West,” through Sept. 28, reception 5:30-7:30 p.m. Aug. 16; 406-535-8278

Livingston

Danforth Gallery: “True Legacy: Danforth Gallery Artists from 1974-2013,” through Aug. 17, reception 5-8 p.m. July 26; “Implementation: The Home and Garden Show” continues through July 20; “The Wild Life: Wildlife Art through a Contemporary Lens,” through Sept. 21, reception 5-8 p.m. Aug. 23; 406-222-6510

Livingston Center for Art and Culture: “Montana Contemporary,” July 16-Aug. 9, reception 5:30-8 p.m. July 26; Arlo Coles, oils and watercolors, and handmade knives by Greg Pape, through July 13; “Horse Drawn,” Aug. 20-Sept. 14, reception 5:30-8 p.m. Aug. 23; 406-222-5222

Livingston Depot Center: “Livingston Found: A Rescued Photographic Treasure,” through Sept. 2; “Rails Across the Rockies: A Century of People and Places,” “The Livingston Depot in History and Architecture,” and “Film in Montana: Moviemaking Under the Big Sky,” ongoing; 406-222-2300



“Fall Harvest,” an oil by Teresa Garland Warner, whose work is on display at River’s Mist Gallery in Stevensville July 5-31.

Martinsdale

Bair Family Museum: Plains Indian Ledger Drawings, through Aug. 11; “Handspun: Navajo Weavings from the Bair Collection,” Aug. 14-Oct. 31; the Bair family’s Native American collection, ongoing; 406-572-3650

Miles City

WaterWorks Art Museum: “By Design: Art and Architecture,” through Aug. 11; “Home of L.A. Huffman Photographs,” ongoing; Invitational Art Auction Exhibit, through Sept. 28, reception 1-4 p.m. Aug. 18; 406-234-0635

Missoula

4 Ravens Gallery: “A Sense of Place,” through July; 406-317-1543

Artists’ Shop: “Alpine Artists’ Tour of the Arts,” through July; 406-543-6393

Clay Studio: “Building and Burning,” through July 19, reception 5:30-9 p.m. July 5; Perry Haas reception 5:30-9 p.m., Aug. 2; 406-543-0509

Dana Gallery: “The Art of the Run,” through July 16, reception 5-8 p.m. July 5; “Summer Show” ongoing; 406-721-3154

Historical Museum at Fort Missoula: “Signs of the Times: A Trip Down Memory Lane,” through November; “United We Will Win: World War II Posters That Mobilized a Nation,” ongoing; 406-728-3476

Missoula Art Museum: “It’s What You Don’t See,” July 12-Sept. 22; “Cougar Peak-A-Boo,” and “My Closet Collection,” July 12-Sept. 29, combined reception 5-8 p.m. Aug. 2. “Warning Shot,” through Sept. 15; “Often, All That Remains,” through Aug. 25; “For Advice Call 1-800-COYOTE: Words in MAM’s Contemporary American Indian Art Collection,” closes Aug. 2; “Indian Education for All,” July 12-Sept. 22; 406-728-0447

Montana Museum of Art and Culture: “Imagining New Worlds” and “Five Collections,” through Sept. 21, reception 5-7 p.m. Aug. 8; “A Hundred Years Later: Julius Seyler Among the Blackfeet” and “Richard Buswell: Close to Home” close Aug. 3; 406-243-2019

Monte Dolack Gallery: “A Flowering of Arts and Crafts,” reception 5:30-8 p.m. July 5; 406-549-3248



“From the garment series (school kids)” is part of Jane Waggoner Deschner’s exhibit, “Often, All That Remains,” on display at the Missoula Art Museum through Aug. 25.

Pablo

People’s Center: “Traditional Native Games and Horse Culture,” through October; 406-675-0160

Plains

Clark Fork Valley Hospital: “Art on the Walls” Summer Show, through Sept. 24; 406-544-6654

Polson

Sandpiper Gallery: “Color Me Wild,” July 2-Aug. 10, reception 5-7 p.m. July 5; “Yin and Yang: Functional and Abstract,” Aug. 13-Sept. 20, reception 5-7 p.m. Aug. 16; 406-883-5956

Red Lodge

Depot Gallery: All-Artist Exhibit, through July, reception 3-5 p.m. July 6; Eva Eriksen and Nellie Rafn, through August, reception 3-5 p.m. Aug. 3; 406-446-1370

Red Lodge Clay Center: Resident Exit Show, through July 27, reception 5-7 p.m. July 5; “Bounty of the Land,” through Aug. 30, reception 5-7 p.m. Aug. 2; Erin Furimsky, ongoing; 406-446-3993

Roundup

Musselshell Valley Historical Museum: “Clovis to Coal,” through Sept. 25; 406-323-1535

Sidney

MonDak Heritage Center: “I Do: A Cultural History of Montana Weddings,” through July; 406-433-3500

Stevensville

River’s Mist Gallery of Fine Art: “A Still Life,” through July, reception 6-9 p.m. July 5; 406-777-0520

Virginia City

Elling House: Jeanie James and Family, through July, reception 5:30 p.m. July 12; Christina Blackledge, through August, reception 5:30 p.m. Aug. 2; 406-843-5507

Whitefish

Purple Pomegranate: Jane L. Emmert, through July, reception 6-9 p.m. July 5; Michael Chilcoat, through August, reception 6-9 p.m. Aug. 1; 406-862-7227

Stumptown Art Studio: “Watercolor on My Mind,” through July 2; Kim Waldman, through Sept. 1, reception 6-9 p.m. Aug. 1; 406-862-5929

Walking Man Frame Shop and Gallery: “Before Burning,” through July, reception 6-9 p.m. July 5; “Hanging On: Portraits of an American Rodeo,” through August, reception 6-9 p.m. Aug. 1; 406-863-2787



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New museum offers look at history of Swan Valley

A big dream becomes a reality for the small community of Condon this summer when the Upper Swan Valley Historical Society opens its museum.

The organization worked for six years to obtain a building for a museum and heritage site. That dream was fulfilled with the purchase of the former model home and office for Rustics Log Home Builders of Lindbergh Lake, located in Condon.

The Grand Opening is July 4 and the museum will continue to welcome visitors throughout the summer months to enjoy the exhibits and attend fundraising events, including a Cowboy Poets and Fiddler Festival Aug. 24.

The museum reflects the settlement of the Swan Valley, with exhibits on homesteading, occupations and the lifestyles of earlier valley residents. For additional information, visit www.swanvalleyhistoricalsociety.org.